

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

It seems obvious that such a scheme would encroach on the public TV viewers' rights to record digitized TV signals on cable or over the air for viewing at more convenient times, and eliminate from this later viewing the ability to skip over commercial advertising content.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? As proposed this will eliminate in-home rebroadcast of DTV to secondary receivers.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

This would tend to make existing consumer equipment obsolete, requiring replacement.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

This may not be the intent, but would be the obvious result.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It seems rather obvious that additional costs for consumer equipment would result, with no enhancement of the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Other Comments:

Further consideration of this scheme should be dropped as a waste of Commission time.